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SUBJ: THREATENING LETTER RECEIVED BY INDIAN MISSION

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1. IN REVIEWING FBI AND SECRET SERVICE CRANK FILES, FBI DEVELOPED A SUSPECT BEHIND LETTER RECEIVED BY INDIAN MISSION JANUARY 20, 1976, THREATENING TO BOMB IT AND SEVERAL OTHER UN MISSIONS. LETTER WAS SIGNED "300 MILLION ZIONISTS."

2. SUSPECT IS EDWARD BENJAMIN GELLMAN, A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER WITH A LONG HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC CARE. GELLMAN'S NAME WAS SUBMITTED TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

3. ON JANUARY 21, 1976, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, AUSA, MARK MARMARO, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT A SUBPOENA HAD BEEN ISSUED UNDER ACT FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS FOR EDWARD BENJAMIN GELLMAN TO APPEAR BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK AT 11:30 A.M. ON JANUARY 22 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THREATENING LETTERS RECEIVED BY US SECRET SERVICE, NEW YORK; INDIAN MISSION TO UN, US-USSR ECONOMIC TRADE COUNCIL, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF GREATER NEW YORK, COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF

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BOROUGH PARK. LETTERS CONTAINED THREATS TO BOMB THE UN,

RUSSIAN, SYRIAN, EGYPTIAN, IRAQ, POLISH AND INDIAN MISSIONS,
AND ARAB LEAGUE, AND CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF ACT
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

4. ON MORNING OF JANUARY 22, SUBPOENA WAS SERVED
BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF FBI AND GELLMAN APPEARED BEFORE FEDERAL
GRAND JURY AT 11:30 A.M. THE SAME DAY. ALTHOUGH DETAILS
OF GELLMAN'S TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY ARE PRIVILEGED,
IT IS KNOWN THAT HE ADMITTED WRITING THE LETTER TO THE
INDIAN MISSION.

5. DUE TO GELLMAN'S LONG PSYCHIATRIC CARE CONTINUES, AND
BASED ON PREVIOUS SECRET SERVICE INTERVIEWS WITH HIM,
AUSA MARMARO IS OF OPINION THAT GELLMAN DOES NOT REPRESENT
A THREAT TO ANYONE AT THIS TIME. MARMARO ADMONISHED GELLMAN
AND, AFTER OBTAINING HIS PROMISE TO CEASE WRITING THREATENING
LETTERS, RELEASED HIM.

6. ON JANUARY 27, US-USSR ECONOMIC AND TRADE COUNCIL
RECEIVED A LETTER WHICH, ACCORDING TO FBI, WAS WRITTEN
BY GELLMAN. LETTER, WHICH IS UNSIGNED, STATES "RUSSIA,
UN, PLO AND ARAB LEAGUE ARE BEING BOYCOTTED AND BLACK LISTED."
ENCLOSED WITH LETTER IS JDL/CAIR (COMMITTEE AGAINST
ISRAELI RETREAT) CIRCULAR WITH THE FAMILIAR SLOGANS:
"THERE IS NO PALESTINE." "NOT ONE INCH." THIS LATEST
GELLMAN LETTER WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF OFFICE
OF US ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK WHO DECLARED
THAT ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINED NO THREAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO
POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER FEDERAL ACTION SINCE GELLMAN
HAD DISREGARDED THE WARNING NOT TO CONTINUE WRITING
SUCH LETTERS.

7. ON JANUARY 27, POLISH CONSULATE NOTIFIED FBI THEY HAD
RECEIVED, THE PREVIOUS DAY, THE SAME LETTER RECEIVED BY
INDIAN MISSION (PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO IN THIS TELEGRAM).
THIS LETTER WAS POSTMARKED JANUARY 21. US ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE HAS NOT YET INDICATED WHETHER IT WOULD CONSIDER
FEDERAL ACTION AGAINST GELLMAN IN THIS INSTANCE. HOWEVER,
SINCE THE LETTER WAS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE
BEFORE GRAND JURY, NONE IS EXPECTED. NOTE: ACCORDING TO FBI,
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ALTHOUGH GELLMAN EVIDENTLY COLLECTS JDL LITERATURE AND
USES THEIR SLOGANS, THEY DO NOT CONSIDER HIM A MEMBER OF JDL.

8. USUN WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH BOTH INDIAN MISSION AND POLISH
CONSULATE CONCERNING ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTERS AND WILL
EXPLAIN TO THEM GELLMAN'S MENTAL CONDITION.
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